

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 358

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bertram Niegel Thompson, 2003 Valedictorian of Raleigh-Egypt High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bertram Niegel Thompson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Raleigh-Egypt High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Bertram has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.22 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this stellar academic achievement, Bertram has also been involved in a number of activities throughout his high school career, including the Spanish Club, which he served as President; DECA, which he served as Vice-President; the Business Professionals of America; the National Honor Society; the Fine Arts Club; DARE; ASPIRE; Mu Alpha Theta; the Raleigh-Egypt Gospel Choir; and his church's youth group; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Varsity Golf team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Bertram was recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; he was named an Outstanding African-American of Tennessee; and he was honored as Outstanding Senior and an All-American Scholar, among a host of other awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, Bertram's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his mother, Sharonica Yvette Thompson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to attend Clark-Atlanta University, where he will major in Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS, Bertram Niegel Thompson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Raleigh-Egypt High School Valedictorian, Bertram Niegel Thompson, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.